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FOR RELATIONALLY REPRESENTING
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In response to the Office action mailed November 21, 2002, please consider the following amendments and remarks:

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In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 28-30.

Please amend claims 1, 21, 23, and 31 as follows:

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1. (Twice Amended) A method of creating a relational database so that multiple simultaneous hierarchies can be defined without needing dedicated database relationships between objects in the multiple hierarchies, wherein the relational database includes a plurality of objects each having an associated data; said method comprising:
forming a first database table having a plurality of entries, each entry representing an object with an associated data; and